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SUBJ: NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS

1. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ANNOUNCED THE FIRST STAGE OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY: THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT (DIRECTION GENERAL) OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS HEADED BY FRANCOIS DE WISSOCQ, PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF MINES. THIS ACTION UNITES THE GENERAL DELEGATION FOR ENERGY, WHICH INCLUDES THE AGENCY OF ENERGY CONSERVATION, DELEGATION FOR NEW ENERGIES, AND COMMISSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FUELS AND DEPARTMENT OF MINES (FOR METALLIC MINERALS) FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. ENERGY RELATED ENTERPRISES SUCH AS ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE, GAZ DE FRANCE, THE COAL INDUSTRY, THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES AND THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THIS DEPARTMENT.

2. THIS CHANGE IS AIMED AT IMPROVING PLANNING FOR ASSURING THE SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY FOR FRANCE ON AN OVERALL BASIS, WHICH WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GENERAL DELEGATION FOR ENERGY, AS WELL  
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AS ON A SECTOR-BY-SECTOR BASIS, WHICH WAS THE JOB OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES. SOURCES COMMENTED THAT THIS ACTION DOES NOT CHANGE THE BROAD LINES OF ENERGY POLICY, I.E., TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND AT THE SAME TIME STRIVE TO DEVELOP DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCES. IT DOES APPEAR THAT GREATER EMPHASIS, ESPECIALLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, WILL BE GIVEN TO ENERGY

CONSERVATION. FURTHERMORE, INTEGRATION OF THE  
GENERAL DELEGATION FOR ENERGY INTO THE MINISTRY OF  
INDUSTRY REGULARIZES ITS STATUS , WHICH DEVELOPED ON  
AN AD HOC BASIS FOLLOWING THE 1973 CRISIS. THIS MAY  
INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS  
RECOGNIZED THAT ENERGY PROBLEMS ARE HERE TO STAY. AT  
ANY RATE, FURTHER CHANGES ARE EXPECTED AT THE "RENTREE"  
IN SEPTEMBER.  
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